28. Instrumentation Control Valves Ltd. (ICVL)

29. India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) (remaining hotels)

30. Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. (HCL) (remaining hotels)

31. Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT)

32. Maruti Udyog Ltd.

*The process has not been started again after there was no response for the earlier sale.

Disinvestment of PSUs in Assam

2651. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the PSUs in Assam which Government propose to disinvest during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the fund expected to be raised by this process; and

(c) the time-frame of completing privatization in PSUs in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No PSU located in Assam is under disinvestment during the year 2002-2003.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Chinese Vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis

2652. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese vaccine-derived recombinant type Japanese Encephalitis vaccine is also more effective for Japanese Encephalitis;

(b) if so, whether any consultation has been done in this connection with the Peoples' Republic of China;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so keeping in view the prevalence of Japanese Encephalitis in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government will involve WHO/UNICEF in this evaluation programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Mouse brain derived inactivated Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccine is the only vaccine commercially available in the international market and approved by World Health Organisation (WHO) and Drugs Controller General of india. Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that Chinese vaccine derived recombinant type Japanese Encephalitis vaccine was tested on monkeys and the data demonstrated that the vaccine is safe, immunogenic and protective in non-human primates. It is, therefore, too early to say that Chinese vaccine derived recombinant type Japanese Encephalitis vaccine is also more effective for Japanese Encephalitis.

(b) to (d) Recombinant JE vaccine manufactured in China has not been approved by WHO. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been permitted to import inactivated mouse brain JE vaccine after obtaining clearance from Drugs Controller General of India to meet the shortage of the vaccine.

Telemedicine facility

2653. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: WiM the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently inaugurated a Telemedicine Project in New Delhi and physicians at a Chennai hospital advised two heart patients jn Port Blair;

(b) if so, the salient features of this project; and

(c) how does his Ministry propose to spread this facility to the nook and comer of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration has informed that there was interaction